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1. In early April 1952 the induction of 50,000 recruits was begun in Shantung under the orders of HSU Shih-yu (6079/0013/0645)¹, concurrently commander of the Shantung Military District and of the 11 Army Group; and K'ANG Sheng (1660/3932), chairman of the Shantung Government. Each of the over 100 hsien in Shantung had to recruit an average of 100 men. The provincial government in a separate secret order said that in recruiting able-bodied men, the greatest emphasis should be put on the famine areas in the southwestern part of the province in order to eliminate potential trouble centers in those areas.
2. During late March cholera was prevalent in Ch'engshant'ou (122- , 37-) and Lunghsutao (7893/7586/1497), Yungcheng Hsien, and in villages along the coast of Yungcheng Bay. Hundreds of people died within a single day. The authorities have isolated the affected localities and have brought in anti-epidemic teams from Chefoo and Weihaiwei.

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25X1 l. [] Comment. [] K'ANG Sheng as commander of the Shantung Military District as of 18 February 1952. Available information indicates that CH'EN Shih-chu is commander of the 11 Army Group, reportedly stationed in Chekiang.

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